A GOD GIVEN REGULATION.

Ardent Friends and Ardent Enemies. Cover Up the Faults and Extol the Virtues. The Hearty Handshake and Its

Great Value. The obtaining of good friends, which most look upon as a matter of happy accident, Dr. Talmage in this sermon shows to be a matter of intelligent selection; text, Proverbs xviii, 24, "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly.

About the sacred and divine art of making and keeping friends I speaka subject on which I pover heard of any one preaching-and yet God thought it of enough importance to put it in the middle of the Bible, these writings of Solomon, bounded on one side by the popular pslam of David, and on the other by writings of Isaiah, the greatest of the prophets. It seems all a matter of haphazard how many friends we have or whether we have any friends at all but there is nothing accidental about it. There is a law which governs the accretion and dispersion of friendships. They did not "just happen so" any more than the tides just happen to rise or fall or the sun just happens to rise or set. It is a science, an art, a

God given regulation. Tell me how friendly you are to others, and I will tell you how friendly others are to you. I do not say you will not have enemies. Indeed the best way to get ardent friends is to have ardent enemies, if you get their enmity in doing the right thing. Good men and women will always have enemies, because their goodness is a perpetual rebuke to evil, but this antagonism of foes will make more intense the love of your adherents. Your friends will gather closer around you because of the attacks of your assailants. The more your enemies abuse you the better your coadjutors will think of you.

The best friends we have ever had appeared at some juncture when we were especially bombarded. There have been times in my life when unjust assault multiplied my friends, as near as I could calculate, about 50 a minute. You are bound to some people by many cords that neither time nor eternity can break, and I will warrant that many of those cords were wisted by hands malevolent. Human nature was shipwrecked about 59 centuries ago, the captain of that craft, one Adam, and his first mate running the famous cargo aground on a snag in the river Hiddeke! But there was at least one good trait of human nature that waded safely ashore from that shipwreck, and that is the disposition to take the part of those unfairly dealt with. When it is thoroughly demonstrated that some one is being persecuted, although at the start slanderous tongues were busy enough, defenders finally gather around as thick as honeybees on a trellis of bruised

If when set upon by the furies you can have grace enough to keep your mouth shut and preserve your equipoise and let others fight your battles, you will find yourself after awhile with a whole cordon of allies. Had not the world given to Christ on his arrival at Palestine a very cold shoulder there would not have been one-half as many angels chanting glory out of of the hymnbooks of the sky, bound in black lids of mid-night. Had it not been for the heavy and jagged and tortuous cross Christ would not have been the admired and loved of more people than any being who ever touched foot on either the eastern or western hemisphere. Instead therefore of giving up in despair becruse you have enemies rejoice in the fact that they rally for you the most helpful and enthusiastic admirers. In other words, there is no virulence that can hinder my text from coming "A man that hath friends must show himself friendly."

It my ambition to project, especially upon the young, a thought which may benignly shape their destiny for the here and the hereaiter. Before you show yourself friendly you must be friendly. I do not recommend a dramatized geniality. There is such a thing as pretending to be en rapport with others when we are their dire destructants and talk against them and wish them calamity, Judas covered up his treachery by a resounding kiss, and caresses may be demoniacal. Better the mythological Cerberus, the three headed dog of hell barking at us, than the wolf in sheep's clothing, its brindled hide covered up by deceptive wool and its deathful howl cadenced into an innocent bleating. Disraeli writes of Lord Manfred, who, after committing many outrages upon the people, seemed suddenly to become friendly and invited them to a banquet. After most of the courses of food had been served he blew a horn, which was in those times a signal for the servants to bring on the dessert, but in this case it was the signal for assassins to enter and slay the guests. His pretended friendliness was a cruel fraud, and there are now people whose smile is a falsehood. Bofore you begin to show yourself

friendly you must be friendly. Get your heart right with God and man, and this grace will become easy. You may by your own resolution get your nature into a semblance of this virtue, but the grace of God can sublimely lift you inte it, Sailing on the river Thames two vessels ran aground. The owners of one got 100 horses and pulled on the grounded ship and pulled it to pieces. The owners of the other grounded vessel waited till the tides came in and easily floated the ship out of all trouble. So we may pull and haul at our grounded human nature and try to get it into better condition, but there is nothing like the oceanic tides of God's uplifting grace. If, when under the flash of the Holy Ghost, we see our own foibles and defects and depravities, we will be very lenient and very easy with others. We will look into their characters for things commendatory and not damnatory. If you would rub your own eye a little more vigorously, you would find a mote in it, the extraction of which would keep you so busy you would not have much time to shoulder your broadax and forth to split up the beam in your bor's eye. In a Christian spirit on exploring the characters of is a wide door, a high door, a palace

> iness. pe to come to your counend a few days. Thank bout noon of a beauti-

you keep your fine stock, and here are his help, your repentance, and have his the Durham cattle and the Gordon set- pardon. God a friend? Why, that ters, and the high stepping steeds; by means all your wounds medicated, all pawing and neighing, the only langu- your sorfows soothed, and if some sudage they can speak. asking for harness | den catastrophe should hurl you out of or saddle and a short turn down the road. | earth it would only hurl you out into Then we go back to the house, and you heaven. get me in the right light, and show me the Kensetts and the Bierstadts on the out of the world too quickly or sudwall and take me into the music room | denly, so far as your own happiness is and show me the birdcages, the canaries | concerned. There were two Christians in the bay window answering the robins who entered heaven. The one was in the tree tops. Thank you! I never | standing at a window in perfect health, enjoyed myself more in the same length | watching a shower, and the lightning of time. Now, why do we not do so instantly slew him, but the lightning with the characters of others, and show | did not flash down the sky as swiftly as the bloom and the music and the bright his spirit flashed upward. The Chris-

from the grass. When we hear something bad about somdbody whom we always supposed to be good, take out your lead pencil and say: "Let me see! Before I accept that baleful story against that man's character I will take off from put upon the original story; then I will | be a victory. take off 25 per cent from the fact that the man may have been put into cir- and true friends, what priceless treas-

riends must show himself friendly." on earth is to give a nod of recognition? back invites vertigo, but to drop the chin in greeting is accompanied with out the least semblance of fatigue. So, also, the structure of the hand indicates hand shaking; the knuckles not made so that the fingers can turn out. but so made that the fingers can turn in, as in clasping hands, and the thumb divided from and set aloof from the fingers, so that while the fingers take your neighbor's hand on one side the thumb takes it on the other, and. pressed together, all the faculties of the hand give emphasis to the salutation. Five sermons in every healthy hand urge us to hand shaking. Besides this every day when you

thoughts, kind words, kind expressions, and kind greetings. When a man or woman does well, tell him so, tell her so. If you meet some one who is improved in health, and it is demonstrated in girth and color, say, "How well | had been drawn off." But that gold you look!" But if, on the other hand, dust, which could have been taken up under the wear and tear of life he apall about physical condition. In the and today I have only put before you a case of improved health you have by specimen of the value of divine friendyour words given another impulse toward the robust and the jocund, while | haustible and infinite, though all time in the case of the failing health you and all eternity go on with the explohave arrested the decline by your sil- ration. ence, by which he concludes, were really so badly off, he would have said something about it." We are all. especially those of a nervous temperament, susceptible to kind words and discouraging words. Form a conspiracy against us, and let ten men meet us at certain points on our way over to business, and let each one say, "How sick you look!" though we should start out well, after meeting the first and hearing his depressing salute we would begin to examine our symptoms. After meeting the second gloomy accosting we would conclude we did not feel quite as well as usual. After meeting the third our sensations would be dreadful and after meeting the fourth, unless we suspected a conspiracy, we would go home and go to bed, and the other six pessimists would be a useless surplus

of discouragement. We want something like that spirit storm a boat containing three men was upset, and all three were in the water struggling for their lives. A boat came to their relief, and a rope was thrown to one of them, and he refused to take it, saying: "First fling it to Tom. He is just ready to go down. I can last some time longer." A man like that, be he sailor or landsman. be he in upper ranks of society or lower ranks, will always have plenty of frienks. What is true manward is true Godward. We must be the friends of God if we want him to be our friend. We cannot treat Chsist badly all our lives and expect him to treat us lovingly. I was reading of a sea fight in which Lord Nelson captured a French officer, and when the French officer offered Lord Nelson his hand, Nelson replied, "First give me your sword, and then give me your hand." Surrender of our resistance to God must precede God's proffer of pardon to us. Kepentance before forgiveness. You must give up your rebel-

lious sword before you can get a grasp of the divine hand. Oh, what a glorious state of things to have the friendship of God! Why, we could afford to have all the world against us and all other worlds against us if we had God for us. He could in a minute blot out this universe, and in another minute make a better universe. I have no idea that God tried hard when he made all things The most brilliant thing known to us is light, and for the creation of that he only used a word of command. As out of a flint a frontiersman strikes a spark, so out of one word God struck the noonday sun. For the making of the present univers. I do not read that God lifted so muche as a finger. The Bible frequently speaks of God's hand and God's arm and God's shoulder and God's foot: then suppose he should put hand and arm and shoulder and foot to utmost tension, what could he not make? That God of such demonstrated and undemonstrated strength you may have for your present and everylasting friend, not a stately and reticent friend, hard to get at but as approachable as a country mansion on a summer day when all the doors and windows are wide open. Christ said, "I am the door." And he

you meet, and I am sure you will door, an always open door. My 4-year-old child got hurt and did not cry until hours after, whon her mother came home, and then she burst days. Thank on of a beautiat do you do? ties, not understanding human nature, said to her. "Why did you not cry beto you do?" She answered "There was no o you do! fore?" She answered, "There was no one to cry to." Now, I have to tell bodies of the first two were discovered pea crop and late corn are very good; produced and read. The poorly in-

If God is your friend, you cannot go tian man who died on the same day Oh, my friends, better cover up the next door had been for a year or two faults and extol the virtues, and this | failing in health, and for the last three habit once established of universal months had suffered from a disease that friendliness will become as easy as it is | made the nights sleepless and the days for a syringa to flood the air with sweet- an anguish. Do you not really think ness, as easy as it will be further on in | that the case of the one who went inthe season for a quail to whistle up stantly was more desirable than the one who entered the shining gate through a long lane of insomnia and congestion? In the one case it was like your standing wearily at a door, knocking and waiting and wondering if it will ever open, and knocking and waiting again, it 25 per cent for the habit of exaggera- while in the other case it was a swingtion which belongs to the man who first | ing open of the door at the first touch told the story then I will take off 25 of your knuckle. Give your friendship per cent for the additions which the to God, and have God's friendship for spirit of gossip in every community has | you, and even the worst accident will How refreshing is human friendship,

cumstances of overpowering temptation. | ures! When sickness comes and trouble So I have taken off 75 per cent. But I | comes and death comes, we send for our have not heard his side of the story at | friends first of all, and their appearance all, and for that reason I take off the | in our doorway in any crisis is re-enremaining 25 per cent. Excuse me, sir, forcement, and when they have enter-I don't believe a word of it." forcement, and when they have enter-ed we say. "Now it is all right!" Oh, Now, supposing that you have by a | what would we do without personal divine regeneration got right toward friends, business friends family friends? God and humanity, and you start out | But we want something mightier than to practice my text. "A man that hath | human friendship in the great exigencies. When Jonathan Edwards, in his Fulfill this by all forms of appropriate | final hour, had given the last goodby salutation. Have you noticed that the to all his earthly friends, he turned on head is so poised that the easiest thing | his pillow and closed his eyes, confidently saying, "Now where is Jesus To swing the head from side to side, as of Nazareth, my true and never failing when it is wagged in derision, is un- Friend?" Yes, I admire human friendnatural and unpleasant; to throw it ship as seen in the case of David and Jonathan, of Paul and Onesiphorus, of Herder and Goethe, of Goldsmith and so little exertion that all day long and Reynolds, of Ceaumont and Fletcher every day you might practice it with of Cowley and Harvey, of Erasmus and Thomas Moore, of Lessing and Men-delssohn, of Lady Churchill and Princess Anne, of Orestes and Pylades, each requesting that himself might take the point of the dagger, so the other might be spared; of Epaminondas and Pelopidas, who locked their shields in battle, determined to die together, but the grandest, the mightiest, the tenderest friendship in all the universe is the friendship between Jesus Christ and a believing soul, yet after all I have said I feel I have only done what James Marshall, the miner, did in 1848 in California, before its gold mines were known. He reached in and out upon start out load yourself up with kind the table of his employer, C: ptain Sutter, a thimbleful of gold dust. "Where did you get that?" said his mplayer. The reply was, 'I got it this morning from a mill race from which the water between the finger and the thumb, was pears pale and exhaused, do not intro- the prophecy and specimen that revealduce sanitary subject or say anything at | ed California's wealth to all nations,

STATESMANLIKE ADVICE GIVEN.

Mr. Featherstone Urges Undivided Support of Gov. Ellerbe.

To the Editor of The State: Please give me a little space in your

columns that I may say a few words in reference to the recent election. In the first place, I desire to thank my friends all over the State for the many kindnesses and courtesies shown me during the campaign and for the damage: corn is rotting in the fields; large vote they gave me on the 30th August and the 13th September. From the bottom of my heart I appreciate their kindness and support. I shall endeavor so to conduct myself that those who voted for me shall never

cause to regret it. I have made the best fight that I could. I have made it upon the highof sacrifice for others which was seen in est plane of which I was capable. the English channel, where in the When I entered the race I was conscious that I was advocating what was right. The campaign has but strengthened that consciousness. I have no regrets-my conscience and skirts are

In the second place, I would urge my friends and supporters not to become discouraged. We have made a good We have fought upon high ground and for the sake of principle. We have nothing to be ashamed of. Better things are in store for us in the future. Right must and will triumph in the end. Go to work in earnest for the cause that you love. Be more in earnest than ever and in the future the good results are bound to come.

In the third place, let me urge my friends to be true and loyal to the in- kell. coming administration. By your earnest cooperation and support it can be made better. It is your duty, as good citizens, to stand by the law, so long as it remains the law, no matter how bad it may be. We have had enough strife and bitterness in South Carolina. We must get together and bolster up our officers and assist them in the discharge of their duties. It is not the part of good citizenship to abuse and villify those in power. On the contrary, the good citizen, no matter whether he belongs to the minority or the majority, will, after he has made his fight, rally to the support of those by whom he has been beaten, and asist them in the execution of the laws. therefore, urge my friends to throw side their disappointments and preudices and act as true Carolinians

ougt to act. For those who have fought me upon principle, who have been fair and have used no improper means, I have nothing but the kindest feeling. They have simply done what they had a right to Those who have fought me from improper motives and have used doubtful methods will find punishment

consciences. I have nothing of the "sore head" about me. I shall not "sulk in my tent." I am ready and willing to do all in my power to benefit and help old South Carolina. Very truly,

C. C. Featherstone. Laurens, S. C., Sept. 16, 1898.

Three Men Drowned. Henry Lester, proprietor of the Prin- not favorable for pulling fodder.-B. cess Ann cottage at Virginia Beach, Ammons. into weeping, and some of the domes- and two of his guests, T. S. E. Dixon ou that while human sympathy may floating on the water by Assistant fruitall rotted .- S. B. Garrett. tab ent, divine sympathy is always

Keeper Nedgett of the Cape Henry lighthouse, while driving along the damaged by rain of 7th; nearly all cot
'thin overto town for purty nigh a 'That's just my way,' said Peter; 'That's just my way,' said Peter; 'That's just my way,' said Peter; 'I never goes to law to mend my barour service, and secure shore.

CROP CONDITIONS.

The Regular Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.

WHAT THE CROPS ARE DOING.

What the Observers All Over the State Report to Headquart-

> ers. The Information Consolidated.

The following is the weekly bulletin of the condition of the weather and crops of the State issued last week by Section Director Bauer of the South weather and crop service.

Carolina bereau of the United States The opening of the week was very warm, and the last of the week unseasonably cool. The mean temperature for the week was 73 degrees, and the

normal is approximately 75 degrees. Over the central counties heavy local showers occurred, but over the remainder of the State the rainfall was generally light, with, however, a continuation (during the greater portion of the week) of the cloudy weather heretofore prevailing.

Thd average rainfall for the week was 1.14 inches, and the normal about 1.27 inch.

The latter portion of the week was dry, generally clear, and with cool northeast winds-conditions favorable for seasonable farm work, such as haying, picking cotton, and stripping fod-

A slight improvement was noted in portions of the State in crop conditions owing to better weather, but there is still lack of sunshine and dryness. Farm work, while still backward, advanced rapidly in some localities.

Late corn doing well, fairly well now. Ripe corn not yet housed, and some rotting and sprouting in the husk. Fodder pulling practically finished, and but little saved in good condition.

Cotton picking was hindered and delayed over a large portion of the State and much open cotton was weather stained, beaten to the ground, or discolored by mildew, while reports of seeds sprouting in the bolls, and ripe bolls rotting, continue to come from all sections. There is much open cotton in the fields, and good weather for picking prevailed at the close ? the week. No improvement in the condition of the plant itself is noted, it being nearly dead in many places from rust. Sea island cotton is opening and picking is under way, but the general condition of this crop is not promising, especially for a top crop.

Early rice harvest has at last begun. out some is sprouting in the shock; upland rice is fine, and ripening. There is promise of a large crop of peavine and other hay. Sugarcane, peanuts, and sweet potatoes are doing finely. CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Aiken-Seivern: Rain about half the week, cool the latter portion; fodder all gathered, and fully half ruined: scarcely any cotton picked, cane and potatoes doing well; turnips a bad stand; rice fine.—J. F. Lyles.

all crops daily suffering further damage. -T. C. Jackson. Bamberg.-Govan: Cotton shedding ship, only a thimbleful of mines inex-

count of rain; peas, cane, rice and potatoes are finc. - Geo. Mather. Barnwell.-Blackville: Continued

rains and lack of sunshine still further injured the cotton; hay and peavines are getting over ripe, very little harvested: peanuts and peas very promising; remarkable growth of sugar cane. G. D. C. Lange. Beaufort.—Hardeeville: All crops

ruined, except sugar cane, by recent storm; estimates cannot be gotten at until water recedes, as yet it is impossible to get around even on horseback to make an approximate estimate of cotton : badly stained weather won permit gathering.—J. S. Coburn, Sr. Berkeley .- Pinopolis: Frequent show-

ers and cloudy weather have caused contined shedding of cotton; cotton injured peas and potatoes.-Thos. P. Ravenel. Charleston. - Charleston: Had few

days of sunshine this week; many farmers are busy putting in, or getting ready to put in, fall beans; all farm work backward.—L. Sahlman. Chesterfield.—Cheraw: The past 20

days of excessive rain have done much damage to all crops, more particularly to cotton, causing it to rot, sprout and shed badly, young corn in lowlands turning yellow, otherwise not seriously damaged by recent freshet; more sunshine this week, and all crops much improved.—E. M. Wells. Colleton.-White Hall: Weather fav-

orable for repairing damage by freshet last week; river banks repaired, and on lower river the handling of damaged rice is under way but up river freshet has not gone off entirely .- W. E. Has-Darlington.-Society Hill: Cotton

continued rains: corn made, and is a satisfactory yield; sugar cane very promising; rice ripening; crab grass hay never finer; pea vines injured by excessive moisture; sweet potatoes a good crop.—J. J. Lucas.

Dorchester .- St. George's: If the coming week turns out fair, one-half of the cotton will be picked; over half of the crop is open and damaged by the recent bad weather .-- L. A. Harper. Edgefield.—Poverty Hill: The week

has been very damp and disagreeable, with some rain and very little sunshine cotton rotting badly, even after it has been picked; corn that was blown down s rotting and sprouting .- H. L.

Florence. - Jeffries: The past week has been unfavorable to harvest cotton; cotton is damaged by the rain, onesixth is lost by falling out; haying under way, but it is a short crop on lowlands.—L. S. Bigham.

Greenville. -- Simpsonville: Rainy and cloudy during the week; cotton shedding and rotting; what cotton has been picked is damaged; open bolls blued; enough in the accusations of their own | no good fodder saved yet; potatoes fine; large yield of sorghum .- S. T. Moore. Greenwood. - Greenwood: Cotton has the rust badly; opening slowly; the crop will be short in this county .- M.

M. Calhoun. Kershaw .-- Camden: The weather continues wet and has caused considerable damage to cotton; it is rotting in the boll; rains prevent picking and beat out a lot damaging it: the weather is

ton is in a rough condition, rotten and year"

sprouted, picking will be rushed; peas are fine; beautiful grass for hay will be cut if weather favors; peanuts and potatoes are good; turnips growing rapidly

-S. S. Lindler. Newberry .- Little Mountain: The latter half of the week too wet for gathering cotton or fodderl much fodder rotted in the fields; cotton still shedding and rotting in the boll; haying retarded; with favorable weather large crop of pea vine hay will be made; much late corn blown down .- John M. Sease, M. D.

Orangeburg.-Bowman: Showers till Thursday, fair weather since; cotton picking is very much retarded; some hay has been cut, but not cured satisfactorily: good weather is anxiously awaited for haying, as very little good fodder was saved in this vicinity; rice crop is very fine and turning out well. -B. O. Evans.

ruined nearly all our corn fodder and what was pulled was rotten; cotton is damaged fully one-fourth by the wet, cloudy weather. - W. N. Hughes. Saluda.-Travis: The weather continues unfavorable for picking cotton and pulling fodder; very little sunshine this week, yet it did not rain much;

Pickens.-Loopers: Lack of sunshine

Jas. M. Forrest. Spartanburg.-Hillsville: Not much rain, but clovdy weather is injuring as he went out. cotton and corn; fodder pulling very nearly finished, but was saved in poor condition; turnips poor.-J. M. Cal-

a great deal of late fodder to pull yet.

vert. Sumter. - Shiloh: The past week has been very unfavorable for picking cotton and very little has been picked as yet; it is rotting in the bolls; peas and potatoes are doing very well.-S. C. Turbeville.

Union .-- Santuc: The heavy rain of

the 7th caught and damaged a large quantity of cord fodder; corn not up to expectations, yet in places it is good; open cotton was badly injured by dirt and stain; many bolls only half open, and lint blue from mildew; outlook gloomy; peavines and grass for hay, very fine; turnips not doing well .- E. W. Jeter. Williamsburg.-Chapman: The week

generally has been favorable for harvesting cotton and peas; late peas have improved since the rains ceased; rice, chufas, potatoes and ribbon-cane are doing well; cotton seems to be turning out very light since picking has begun; some good hay has been saved this week .- D. N. Johnson.

York.-Leslie: Weather still unfavomable for crops; fodder pulling about done, very little good fodder saved: on account of rain, very little cotton picked; crop badly injured from rotting, bluing, and sprouting in the boll; i weather permits, the deficiency in fodder can be supplied by peavine and other hay.—D. T. Leslie.

TERRIBLE HURRICANE.

Hundreds of People Killed and Thousands Are Rendered Homeless.

A London dispatch says advices had been received there late Wednesday night to the effect that a terrible hurricane had swept over Barbadoes, in the windward group of the Lesser An-Anderson.—Iva: No change to re- tilles. The dispatch says two hundred port; still having frequent showers, and people had been killed and forty thousand rendered homeless.

According to the latest reports from St. Lucia. the storm which broke upon off all top crop, and doing badly in every the island Sunday night developed alway; picking getting on slowly on ac- most unprecedented violence, being accompanied by a tidal wave and tremendous rains. Numerous landslides were caused, and many houses, bridges and cocoa estates have been destroyed. At least 12 lives have been lost.

Gaudaloupe, the French island in the leeward group, has experienced heavy weather. Nineteen deaths are reported, and there have been destructive landslides.

A boat from ihe Island of St. cent, 100 miles west of Barbadoes, arrived Wednesday at the Island of 'Gre- | eyes." said Blossom. nada, and reports that St. Vincent has experienced the most violent and destructive cyclone ever known there. Kingston, the capital of St. Vincent, is totally destroyed. It is estimated

that 300 lives have been lost in that island, and that 20,000 people are homeless. The bodies of the dead are beopening rapidly, but picking hindered by rain and cloudiness; same cause also starving or being fed at the public ex-

The amount of property destroyed in St. Vincent cannot yet be estimated. Every small house is down and many large buildings including churches. stores and almost all the state build ings. Three large ships are ashore on the windward coast, and many smaller vessels are stranded.

The Beggars at Habana. As predicted, the streets and public at me. places of Habana have again become crowded with beggars since the closing of the soup kitchens. Nothing could

be more ridiculous than the statement of Civil Governor Fernandez de Castro that want and distress have disappeared. The reasons which caused the opening of these kitchens during the blockade still obtain in the same degree, and the beggars are no better off today than they were then. The raising of the blockade did not have the rotting and sprouting in the bolls from effect of reducing prices which continue excessive for the poor.

The Maine Election.

In Maine, to be exact, the Democrats polled about the same vote they polled in 1894, while the Republicans lost 20 per cent. and their plurality for governor in the whole State will be about 23,000 as against 39,000 four years ago. The New York Tribune has become alarmed because "Republican leaders" of capacity have this year found some occasion to fear the prevailing impression that Republican success was certain every where, owing to the war."
And the New York Evening Post which fondly hopes for Republican success, is not sure the next house will escape the control of what it calls a "Bryanised Democracy.

Before and After.

The elections in Oregon and Rhode Island were held before the return of the troops. In both cases the result showed large Republican majorities. The elections in Maine and Vermont were held after the return of the troops. In both cases the result showed a tremendous falling off in the usual Republican majorities. The logical sequitur is that Alger did it. There have been about 100,000 volunteers ordered mustered out, most of whom live in northern States. When they get home the Republican party may look out for trou-

Laurens.—Barksdale: Fodder gath- up the Tennessee river who had never closed the trade. formed native said his lack of informa- for no rues and afterclaps."

THE HORSE SWAPPER.

A Most Laughable Tale From the Georgia Scenes.

In the "Georgia Scenes" is the typical picture of horse swapping in the olden days, which may prove interesting to the present generation.

It is the story of how Yellow Blossom bantered Peter Ketch and was properly caught. Yellow Blossom believed that he was just a "leetle bit" of the best man at a horse swap that "ever trod in shoe leather." ter describing Bullet. Blossom's horse. and Kit, the "critter" owned by Peter Ketch, at some length, the story proceeds as follows: "I tell you, man," proceeded Yel-

low Blossom. "he is the best live horse that ever trod the grit of Georgia. Bob Smart knows the horse. Come here, Bob, and mount this horse and show Bullet's motions." Here Bullet bristled up and looked as if he had been hunting Bob all day long and had just found him. Bob sprang on his back. Boo-oo-oo!" said Bob with a fluttering noise of the lips, and away went Bellet as if in a quarter race with all his beauties spread in handsome style. "Now fetch him back," said Blossom." Bullet turned and came in pretty much

"Now, trot him by," Bullet reduced his tail to customary, sided to the right and left fairly, and exhibited at least three varieties of trot in the short space of fifty vards. 'Make him pace." Bob commenced

same time. These inconsistent movements obviously and most naturally disconcerted Bullet, for it was impossible for him to learn from the method whether he was to proceed or stand still. He started to trot and was told that wouldn't do. Heattempted a canter, and was checked again. He stopnow rushed into the wide field of experiment, and struck out on a gait of his own that completely turned the tables on his rider and certainly deserved a patent. It seemed to have derived its elemonts from the jig, the minuet, and the cotillion. If it was not a pace it would venture to call it anything else; so it passed off to the satisfaction of the owner.

"Walk him!" Bullet was now at home again, and he walked as if money was staked on him.

The stranger whose name I afterwards learned was Peter Ketch, having examined Bullet to his heart's content, ordered his son Neddy to go and bring up Kit. Neddy soon appeared upon Kit, a well-formed sorrel of the middle size, and in good order. His tout ensemble through Bullet entirely in the shade, thouge a glance was sufficient to satisfy any one that Bullet had the decided advantage of him in point of intellect.

After a few banters, Peter Ketch is quoted: "Neddy, take a couple of sticks and

beat on that hogshead at Kit's tail." Ned made a tremendous rattling at don't mind what the little boy says. which Bullet took fright, broke his little failings, vou'll find him all sorts and would have stopped all further negotiations by going home in disgust had not a traveler arrested him and brought him back; but Kit did not my son, let's be moving; the stranger "I tell you gentlemen," continued

Peter, "he's the scariest horse you ever saw. He ain't as gentle as Bullet, but he won't do any harm if you watch him. Shall I put him in a cart, gig or wagon for you, stranger? He will cut the same caper there he does here. He's a monstrous mean horse.'

During all this time Blossom was examining him with the nicest scrutiny. Having examined his frame and limbs he now looked at his eyes.

'He's got a curious look out of his "Oh, yes, sir," said Peter, "just as blind as a bat. Blind horses always have clear eyes. Make a motion at his

if you please, sir."
Blossom did so, and Kit threw up his head, rather as if something pricked him under the chin than as if fearing a olow. Blossom repeated the experiment, and Kit jerked back in considerable astonishment.

"Stone blind, you see, gentlemen," proceeded Peter, "but's he's just as good to travel of a dark night as if he had eyes.' "Blame my buttons," said Blossom.

if I like them eyes. "No," said Peter, "nor I either. I'd rather have them made of diamonds, but they'll do-if they don't show as much white as Bullet's.' "Well, said Blossom, "make a pass

"No," said Peter, "you made the banter; now make your pass. "Well, I'm never afraid to price You must give me \$25 to my horse.

boot. "Oh, certainly, say \$50 and my saddle and bridle in. Here Neddy, my son, take daddy's horse.' ", Well," said Blossom. "I've made my pass, now make yours.

'I'm for short talk in a horse swap and therefore always tell a gentleman at once what I mean to do. give me \$10." Blessom swore absolutely, roundly

and profanely that he never would give "Well," said Peter, "I didn't care about trading; but you cut such high

shines, that I thought I'd like to back you out, and I've done it. Gentlemen, you see I've brought him to a hack." "Come, old man," said Blossom. 'I've been joking with you. I begin to think you do want to trade. Therefore, give me \$5 and take Bullet. I'd rather lose \$10 any time than not make a trade, though I hate to fling away a good horse."
"Well," said Peter, "I'll be as

clever as you are. Just put the \$5 on Bullet's back, and hand him over; it's a Blossom swore again, as roundly as before, that he would Unot give boot, and, said he: "Bullet wouldn't hold \$5 on his back, nohow. But as I bantered

you, if you say an even swap. here's at "I told you," said Peter, "I'd be as clever as you; therefore, here goes \$2 more, just for trade's sade Give me

\$3 and it's a bargain.' Blossom repeated his former assertion; and here the parties stood for a long time, and the bystanders, many who were now collected, began to taunt both parties. After some time, however, it was pretty unanimously decided that the old man had backed Blossom

At length Blossom swore he 'never THE Louisville Post says a party of | would be backed out for \$3, after banfishermen found a man and his family tering a man," and accordingly they

"Ah, you're the kind of a boy I love to trade with. Here's your hoss, old man. Take the saddle and bridle off him, and I'll strip yours; but lift up the

blankets easy from Bullet's back, fer he's a mighty tender-backed hoss. The old man removed the saddle, but the blanket stuck fast. He attempted oraise it, and Bullet bowed himself. switched his tail and gave signs of bit-

Music has a refuirg unfluence. and 'Don't hurt him, old man," said your children at home. Blossom archly, "take it off easy. I am perhaps, a leetle of the best man at a orse swap that ever catched a coon.' Peter continued to pull at the blanket more and more roughly; and Bullet became more and more cavortish, insomuch that, when the blanket came off

good earnest. The removal of the blanket disclosed a sore on Bullet's backbone that seemed to have defied all medical skill. It measured six full inches in length, and four in breadth, and had as many features as Bullet had motions. My heart sickened at the sight, and I felt that the brute who had been riding him in that situation deserved the halter.

he had reached the kicking point in

The prevailing feeling, however, was that of mirth. The laugh became loud and general at the old man's expense. and rustic witticisms were liberally bestowed upon him and his late purchase. These Blossom continued to provoke by various remarks. He asked the old I fully guarantee my freign ent man if he thought Bullet would let \$5 lie on his back. He declared most seriously that he had owned that horse three months, and had never discovered before that he had a sore back. "or he never would have thought of tradtwitching the bridle, and kicking at the

ing him, etc. The old man bore it all with the most philosophic composure. He evinced no astonishment at his late discovery, and made no replies, but his own son Neddy PIANOS ANTE NEED & NS had not disciplined his feelings quite so well. His eyes opened wider and wider. From the first to the last pull ped and was urged to go on. Bullet of the blanket, and when the whole sore burst upon his view, astonishment and fright seemed to contend for the mastery of his countenance. As the blanket disappeared he stuck his hands into his breeches pockets, heaved a deep sigh and lapsed into a profound reverie, from which he was only arouscertainly had pace in it, and no man ed by the cuts at his father. He bore them as long as he could: and when he could contain himself no longer, he began, with a certain wildness of expression, which gave a peculiar interest to what he uttered: "His back's mighty bad off, but tod trot my soul if he's put it to daddy as bad as he thinks he has, for old Kit's blind and deef, I'll be tod

trot if he ein't. "The devil he is," said Blossom. "Yes. dod trot my soul if he ein't. You walk him and see if he ein't. His eyes don't look like it, but he'd just as leave go again the house with you, or in a ditch as anyhow. Now, you go try him. The laugh was now turned to test the fidelity of the little boy's report. A few experiments established its truth beyond controversy.

'Neddy," said the old man, oughtn't try and make people discontented with their things. Stranger, of a horse. You are a leetle the best man at a horse swap that I got hold of but don't fool away Kit. Come, Neddy seems to be getting snappish."

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